

Connected Learning Days

What are Connected Learning Days?

A Connected Learning Day (also referred to as an e-Learning Day) is an opportunity to complete learning activities at home when schools are closed due to severe weather.

Why do we need Connected Learning Days?

It is the mission of Shakopee Public Schools, in partnership with our community, to educate lifelong learners to succeed in a diverse world. In order to do this, we feel that learning needs to continue even when we have an unplanned cancellation of a school day. Students will be expected to participate in their courses in Canvas or through activities that they can do around their home.

All schools in Minnesota have a required amount of time for which students must attend. In the event that we have a school cancellation due to inclement weather, Connected Learning Days help us meet our attendance requirements.

How do Connected Learning Days work?

- Families will receive an automated message notifying them of a school cancellation. Messages will also be distributed on the district website, social media, and appear on local television stations.
- In most cases, K-5th grade students will complete portions of a pre-assigned selection of learning activities created by their teacher. 6th-12th grade students will log on to their courses in Canvas to connect with their teachers and work on their assignments.
- Teachers will check email and voicemail periodically during the school day to answer questions and provide guidance.
- The due dates for Connected Learning Day assignments will be determined by each teacher.
- Students with special needs may face unique challenges while performing academic tasks independently. Provisions will be made for the particular needs of these students by their teachers.

Are other districts doing this?

A number of other districts in Minnesota are using similar activities for e-Learning Days. We looked at what other districts were doing to get ideas in putting together a plan to best meet the needs of our students, while complying with state laws that set expectations for e-Learning Days.

Continuous Improvement

We will implement Connected Learning Days in a manner that allows us to get feedback and make improvements. Together, we will figure out the best way to make this work for our students and teachers.

Resources

[Parent and Student Checklists](#)

[SABERS Boards](#)

[Teacher Checklists](#)



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